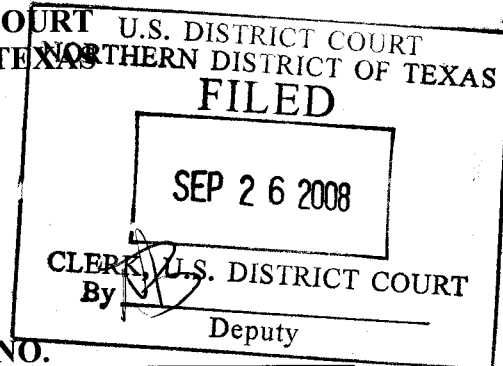


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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION



GEORGE BATTLE JR., GEORGE
BATTLE III AND DOLLY BATTLE
Plaintiffs,

vs.

CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
Defendant.

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CAUSE NO.

3-08CV1709-K

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF ACTION

TO THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Defendant City of Grand Prairie ("City") removes to this Court the state court action described below:

1. Originally, Plaintiffs filed this action in the 44th Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas (hereinafter referred to as the "State Court"), styled *George Battle Jr., George Battle III, and Dolly Battle v. City of Grand Prairie*, Cause No. 08-09918, as more fully described in Plaintiff's 42 USC Section 1983 Claim For Wrongful Taking of Personal and Real Property, Without Due Process of Law, and Without Just Compensation (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiffs' Petition").
2. Defendant City of Grand Prairie was served with the lawsuit on August 27, 2008, and timely filed its answer in the State Court on or about September 8, 2008, denying Plaintiffs' allegations.
3. Defendant City of Grand Prairie files this notice of removal within the 30-day time period required by 28 U.S.C. §1446(b).

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4. Said cause is currently pending in the 44th Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas.
5. Pursuant to Local Rule 81.1, a certified copy of the State District Court Docket Sheet and each document filed in the State Court action, except discovery material, individually tabbed and arranged in chronological order according to the State Court file date are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein.
5. This action is a civil action of which this Court has original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and is one which may be removed to this Court by Defendants pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b) in that it arises under a constitutional question and a statutory avenue for such constitutional claims, in that Plaintiffs have attempted to state a claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.
6. Contemporaneous with the filing of this Notice of Removal, Defendant City of Grand Prairie has given the 44th Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas written notice of this removal.
7. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §1441(a) because this district and division embrace the place where the removed action has been pending.
8. Defendant City of Grand Prairie provides the following additional information regarding counsel of record:

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(214) 336-7440
Attorney for Plaintiffs

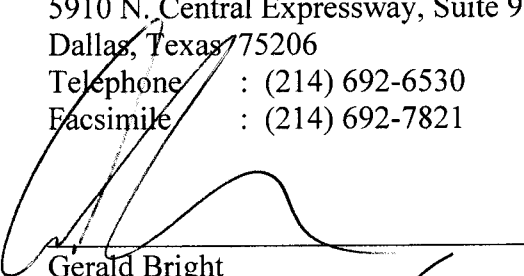
Gerald Bright (Attorney-in-charge)
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5910 N. Central Expressway, Suite 980
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(214) 692-6530
Attorneys for Defendant City of Grand Prairie

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant City of Grand Prairie respectfully requests that this action be removed to this Court, and pray for such other and further relief as Defendant may show itself justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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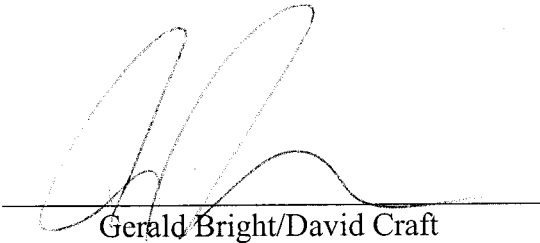
**Attorneys for the Defendant City of Grand
Prairie**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Removal has been sent to opposing counsel and/or the persons listed below by certified mail, return receipt requested and/or regular First Class U.S. Mail, as reflected below, on this the 26th day of September, 2008.

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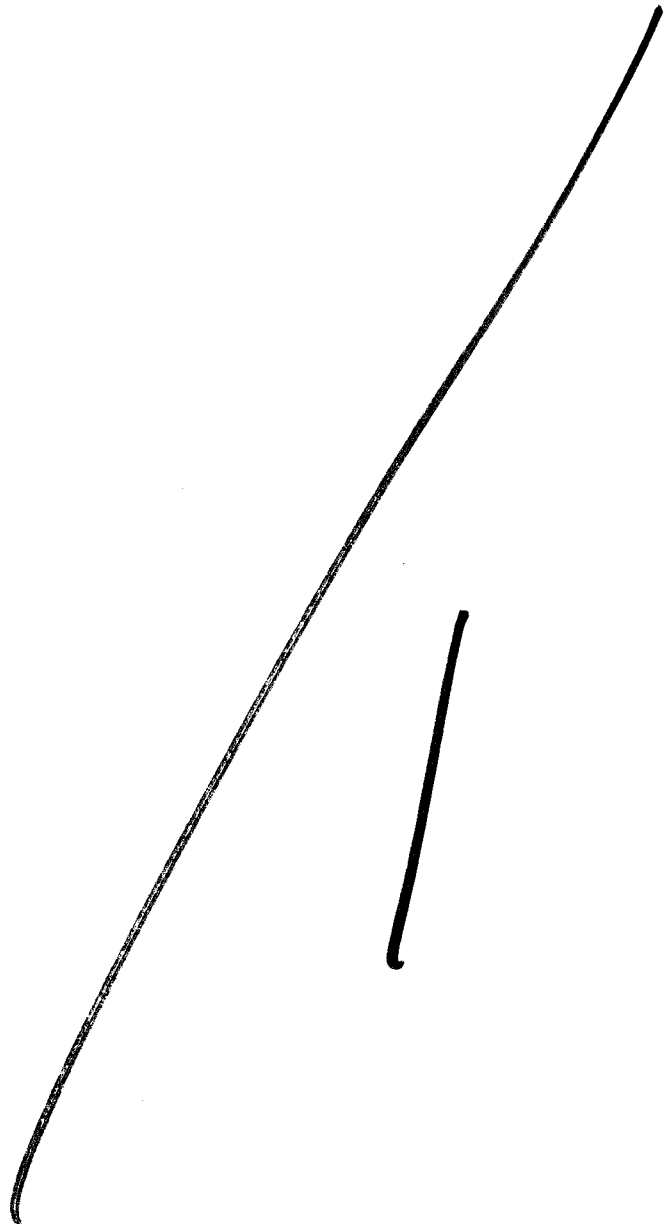
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CASE SUMMARY

CASE NO. DC-08-09918

GEORGE BATTLE, Jr., et al
vs.
CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE

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Location: **44th District Court**
Judicial Officer: **CORTEZ, CARLOS**
Filed on: **08/22/2008**

CASE INFORMATION

Case Type: **OTHER (CIVIL)**
Sub Type: **INJUNCTION**

PARTY INFORMATION

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DEFENDANT	BATTLE, GEORGE, Jr.		2
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PLAINTIFF BATTLE, GEORGE, Jr.

Total Charges 246.00

Total Payments and Credits 250.00

Balance Due as of 9/25/2008 (4.00)

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44th District Court

GEORGE BATTLE, Jr. vs. CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE

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BATTLE, GEORGE, Jr.

Lead Attorney
COOK, WOODY DEAN

Defendant
CITY OF GRAND PR

Lead Attorney

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Local Rule 1.08 Certification (Must be completed and signed)

This case is not subject to transfer pursuant to Local Rule 1.07, or
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
B-44th DEPUTY JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION FOR INJUNCTION AND FOR
DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

George Battle, Jr., George Battle III, and Dolly Battle, the plaintiffs, complain of
City of Grand Prairie, Defendant, and for cause of action shows:

1. Selection of Discovery Level

The plaintiffs affirmatively plead that discovery should be conducted in
accordance with a discovery control plan under Civil Procedure Rule 190.2.

2. Parties and Service of Citation

The plaintiffs are individuals residing in Texas. The defendant is a municipality,
residing in Texas, and may be served with citation at 317 W College St. Grand
Prairie, Texas 75050 (Grand Prairie City Attorney's Office).

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3. Relationship of Parties

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George Battle Jr. and Dolly Battle are individuals residing at 3654 Forest Trail,
Grand Prairie, Texas 75052. George Battle III is their son, who also claims
ownership of the dog "Java".

The Battles have been in conflict for some time with the City of Grand Prairie over
various dogs that have been at their property, and have been owned by them or
their family members. The current request for Injunction arises out of an order
(see attached) to destroy the dog "Java", which is to be carried out within 48 hours
of 2:00pm on August 20, 2008 (i.e., the dog is ordered to be destroyed on August
22, 2008, at 2:00pm.) The dog has been ordered destroyed as a "violation of

unabated nuisance order”, which was issued by the Municipal Court, after a hearing that was held on August 20, 2008, after the Battles were given notice of the hearing in a letter dated 8-14-08, which, according to its post-mark, was not mailed until August 15, 2008. The letter noticing the Battles of the hearing was also not received by the Battle’s attorney until Monday, August 18, 2008, giving them less than 2 days to prepare for the hearing.

The actions of the city have effectively meant that the Battle’s have been forbidden by the City of Grand Prairie from owning any dogs on their 3654 Forest Trail, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052 property in perpetuity, despite the fact that there is no general law prohibiting the ownership of dogs by the residents of that city. The actions of the city have further violated Plaintiff’s right to the use and enjoyment of the dog “Java”, without due process of law and without just compensation.

4. Defendant's Breach

The defendant has threatened irreparable harm to the plaintiff's property rights by taking the dog “Java” without due process of law, and without just compensation. Specifically, the actions of the City of Grand Prairie violate the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of Texas, and federal law including:

- 1) 42 USC §1983 “Every person who, under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State or Territory or the District of Columbia, subjects, or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United States or other person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress...”
- 2) Article I, Section 19, Texas State Constitution: “No citizen of this State shall be deprived of life, liberty, property, privileges or immunities, or in any manner disfranchised, except by the due course of the law of the land”
- 3) Article I, Section 17, Texas State Constitution: “No person's property shall be taken, damaged or destroyed for or applied to public use without adequate compensation being made, unless by the consent of such person; and, when taken, except for the use of the State, such compensation shall be first made, or secured by a deposit of money; and no irrevocable or uncontrollable grant of special privileges or immunities, shall be made; but all privileges and franchises granted by the Legislature, or created under its authority shall be subject to the control thereof.”

- 4) Amendment IVX, United States Constitution: "...No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws...."
- 5) Amendment V, United States Constitution: "No person shall be...deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." (Made Applicable against the States via Amendment IVX of the US Constitution.)

The defendant's conduct is wrongful because it has effectively taken the Plaintiff's real property at 3654 Forest Trail, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052 without due process and without just compensation by forbidding the possession of any dogs on that real property. The defendant's conduct is further wrongful by taking Plaintiff's dog, "Java", without due process of law, and without just compensation.

5. Plaintiff's Injuries and Damages

The plaintiffs have and will continue to be damaged and injured by the defendant's conduct by the loss of use and enjoyment of their real property at 3654 Forest Trail, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052 and by the loss of the use and enjoyment of their personal property, the dog "Java", who is scheduled to be euthanized on Friday, August 22, 2008 at 2:00pm.

6. Preliminary and Permanent Injunctive Relief

a. The plaintiffs require injunctive relief to prevent the defendant from depriving them of the use and enjoyment of their private property at 3654 Forest Trail, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052, so that they may own dogs on that property. The plaintiffs also require injunctive relief to prevent the defendant from depriving them of the use and enjoyment of the dog "Java", which is personal property, who is scheduled to be destroyed on Friday, August 22, 2008 at 2:00pm.

b. The plaintiff has alleged a cause of action against the defendant, and as indicated in this petition, verified by the affidavit of George Battle Jr., George Battle III, and Dolly Battle

which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, the plaintiff has shown a probable right of recovery and likelihood of success on the merits, the plaintiff will suffer imminent, irreparable harm without Court intervention, and there is no adequate remedy at law.

c. As a direct and proximate result of the defendant's wrongful actions as alleged in this petition, the plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer imminent injury that will be irreparable and for which no remedy at law exists without the protections of a temporary restraining order and injunctive relief. The plaintiff is willing to post the necessary reasonable bond to facilitate the injunctive relief requested. Plaintiffs further request that the bond on the temporary restraining order be set in the amount of less than \$200.00 (two hundred dollars), because prohibiting the city of Grand Prairie from euthanizing the dog "Java" for no more than 14 days will have a minimal cost impact on the City of Grand Prairie. (The only extra cost to the defendant City would be dog food and animal shelter space.)

d. The only adequate, effective, and complete relief to the plaintiff is to restrain the defendant from further engaging in certain proscribed activities, as set forth below. Pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. § 680 et seq. and Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 65.001 et seq., and in order to preserve the status quo during the pendency of this action, the plaintiff seeks a temporary restraining order, and upon hearing, a temporary and permanent injunction, ordering and immediately restraining the defendant, including the defendant's agents, servants, employees, independent contractors, attorneys, representatives, and those persons or entities in active concert or participation with them (collectively, the "Restrained Parties") as follows:

(1) Enjoining the defendant from destroying the dog "Java", currently held by defendant or defendant's employees and agents.

(2) Enjoining the defendant from depriving the Plaintiffs of their right to keep dogs on their property at 3654 Forest Trail, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052, unless such dog(s) are found, each individually and separately, after due process of law, to be in violation of, a constitutionally valid, statute or ordinance.

(3) Enjoining the defendant to return the dog "Java" to Plaintiffs unharmed and alive.

7. Request for Declaratory Judgment

Plaintiffs further request that this court enter a declaratory judgment pursuant to the Declaratory Judgments Act, Chapter 37 of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code of Texas:

- (1) Plaintiffs request that this court declare that the taking of the dog "Java" by the City of Grand Prairie violated the Texas Constitution and the Constitution of the United States.
- (2) Plaintiffs further request that this court declare that their property at 3654 Forest Trail, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052 has been taken by the City of Grand Prairie in violation of the Texas Constitution and the Constitution of the United States.
- (3) Plaintiffs further request that this court declare that the Magistrate's Special Conditions Order, Case No. A068793, Grand Prairie Municipal Court, dated 8-20-08, is void because it was issued in violation of the Texas Constitution and the Constitution of the United States.
- (4) Plaintiffs further request that this court declare that Code of Ordinances, Grand Prairie, Texas, Chapter 5 "Animals and Fowl", Article VI "Miscellaneous", Sec. 5-59 "Nuisances", be declared in violation of the Texas Constitution and the Constitution of the United States, both facially and as applied.

WHEREFORE, the, plaintiff respectfully prays for the following relief:

1. A temporary restraining order, and upon hearing, a preliminary injunction for the relief requested above;
2. Declaratory relief as requested above;
3. Upon final trial, judgment against the defendant for full permanent injunctive relief, and for the full amount of the plaintiff's actual damages, as found by the trier of fact as a consequence of the defendant's conduct;
4. Prejudgment interest as provided by law;

5. Postjudgment interest as provided by law;
6. The plaintiff's reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees in prosecuting its claim(s) through trial and, if necessary, through appeal;
7. All costs of suit; and
8. Such other and further relief, at law or in equity, to which the plaintiff may show itself justly entitled.



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DALLAS COUNTY LOCAL RULE 2.02(c) CERTIFICATION

I certify that the Plaintiff's application for Temporary Restraining Order presented in this case is not subject to transfer under Local Rule 1.06.

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF DALLAS

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Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, on this day personally appeared

Dollie Battle, who, after being duly
sworn, stated under oath that

she is the plaintiff in this action; that he has read the above petition; and that every
statement contained in the petition is within her personal knowledge and is true and
correct.

Dollie Battle

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on 8-21-08,
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the State of Texas

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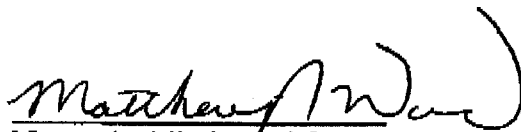
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GEORGE BATTLE, III, who, after being duly sworn, stated under oath that
he is the plaintiff in this action; that he has read the above petition; and that every
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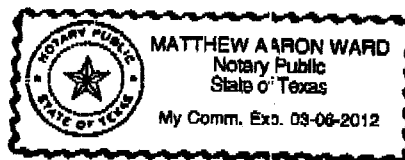


GEORGE BATTLE, III

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on 21 August
2008, to certify which witness my hand and official seal.



Notary Public in and for
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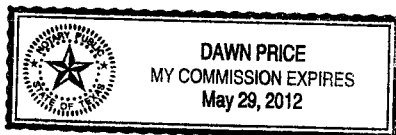
Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, on this day personally appeared

George L. Battle Jr., who, after being duly sworn, stated under oath that

he is the plaintiff in this action; that he has read the above petition; and that every statement contained in the petition is within his personal knowledge and is true and correct.

[Signature]

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on 8-21-08,
2008, to certify which witness my hand and official seal.



[Signature]

Notary Public in and for
the State of Texas



Case No. A068793

MAGISTRATE'S SPECIAL CONDITIONS ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
VS.	§	OF
BATTLE, GEORGE		GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS

VIOLATION OF UNABATED NUISANCE ORDER

The Grand Prairie Municipal Court, in accordance with City Ordinance Section 5-59, hereby declares the animal(s) owned by GEORGE BATTLE and described below to be a continuing public nuisance. Being declared that such public nuisance exists unabated, the court declares the following action to be carried out within the guidelines of the Grand Prairie City Ordinance. Failure to complete this order constitutes contempt of court punishable by fine from \$1 - \$500 and/or incarceration in the city jail for three (3) days.

Description of animal(s): Adult Male Tan/White Pit Bull – "Java"

Action to be taken:



Based on the fact that the animal was voluntarily surrendered by the owner, Mr. George Battle on the 26th day of July, 2008, the animal is in custody of Grand Prairie Animal Services and ordered to be humanely destroyed within 48 hours at 2:00 p.m. from the date of this order per the guidelines of the Grand Prairie City Ordinance.

August 20, 2008

Date

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Judge Nancy Robb
Municipal Court Judge
City of Grand Prairie

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NO. 08-09918

GEORGE BATTLE JR., § IN THE DISTRICT COURT
 GEORGE BATTLE III, § DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
 And DOLLY BATTLE § **B-44th**
 v. § JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE §

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

GEORGE BATTLE JR., GEORGE BATTLE III, AND DOLLY BATTLE, plaintiffs in this cause, have filed a verified petition for a temporary injunction and, in connection therewith, have presented a request for a temporary restraining order, as set forth in their petition. This temporary restraining order concerns the dog "Java", currently in custody of the City of Grand Prairie, who was the subject of a Municipal Court Order, dated August 20, 2008, (Case No. A068793). It clearly appears from the facts set forth in their verified petition and affidavits that unless The City of Grand Prairie, defendant, is immediately restrained from euthanizing the dog "Java", it will commit the foregoing act before notice can be given and a hearing is had on plaintiff's motion for a temporary injunction; and that if the commission of this act is not restrained immediately, plaintiffs will suffer irreparable injury because the dog "Java" is currently scheduled to be euthanized by the City of Grand Prairie on Friday, August 22, 2008, at 2:00pm.

the City appeared through its atty D. Poston at a hearing conducted on August 22, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.
 IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the City of Grand Prairie, defendant in this cause, as well as its employees and agents, be, and hereby is, commanded forthwith to desist and refrain from euthanizing the dog "Java" from the date of entry of this order until and to the fourteenth day after entry or until further order of this Court.

~~IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the petition of GEORGE BATTLE JR., GEORGE BATTLE III, AND DOLLY BATTLE, Plaintiffs, for temporary injunction be heard~~ TS

before _____ (Judge)

on _____, 2008, at _____ o'clock, in the courtroom of

the _____ District Court in

the _____ building in Dallas County, Texas.

The clerk of the above-entitled Court shall forthwith, on the filing by plaintiff of the bond hereinafter required, and on approving the same according to the law, issue a temporary restraining order in conformity with the law and the terms of this order.

This order shall not be effective unless and until plaintiff executes and files with the clerk a

bond, in conformity with the law, in the amount of _____ dollars.

Based on the information filed in support of the requested relief. The Temporary restraining order is Denied.
 SIGNED on August 22, 2008
 at 2:20 p.m.

[Signature]
 JUDGE PRESIDING
Teresa Guerra Snelson
 Associate Judge
 Sitting for the
44th Civil District Court

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**FORM NO. 353-3 - CITATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS**

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To:
**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
GRAND PRAIRIE CITY ATTORNEYS OFFICE
317 W COLLEGE ST
GRAND PRAIRIE TX 75050**

GREETINGS:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and **PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION FOR INJUNCTION AND FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT**, a default judgment may be taken against you. Your answer should be addressed to the clerk of the **44th District Court** at 600 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas 75202.
Said Plaintiff being **GEORGE BATTLE, Jr., ETAL**

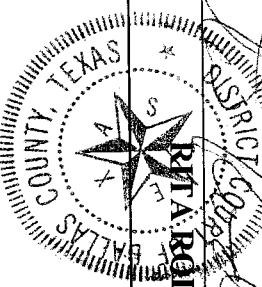
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CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE

For suit, said suit being numbered **DC-08-09918**, the nature of which demand is as follows:
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WITNESS: GARY FITZSIMMONS, Clerk of the District Courts of Dallas, County Texas.
Given under my name and the Seal of said Court at office on this **22nd day of August, 2008**

ATTEST: GARY FITZSIMMONS
Clerk of the District Courts of Dallas, County Texas

By *Rita Rodgers*, Deputy



**ATTY
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No.: **DC-08-09918**

**GEORGE BATTLE, Jr., ETAL
vs.
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**ISSUED
on this the 22nd day of August, 2008**

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Clerk District Courts,
Dallas County, Texas**

By **RTA RODGERS, Deputy**

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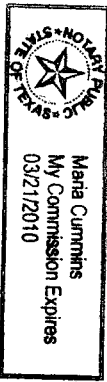
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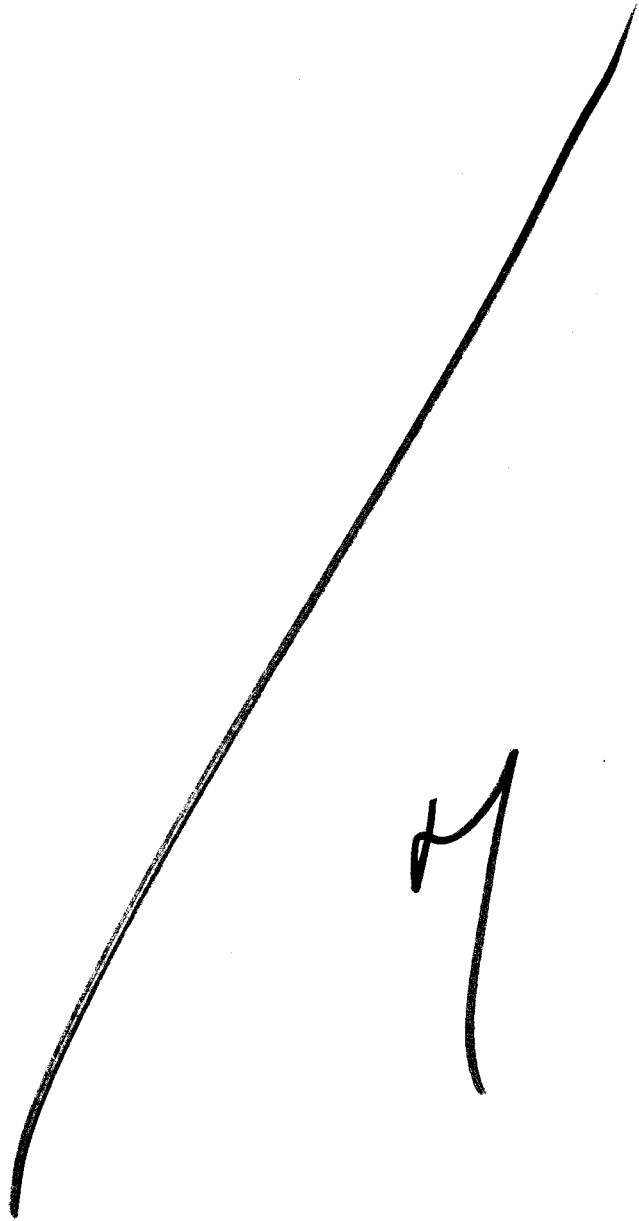
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September 19, 2008

44th District Court
George L. Allen, Sr. Courts Bldg.
600 Commerce St., Box 540
Dallas, Texas 75202

Re: George Battle Jr., George Battle III and Dolly Battle vs. City of Grand Prairie, Texas; In the 44th Judicial District Court, Dallas County Texas, Case No. 08-09918

Dear Clerk:

In connection with the above referenced matter, enclosed for filing please find an original and two (2) copies of Defendant City of Grand Prairie's Original Answer.

Once filed, please return the file-marked copies of the document to the undersigned in the postage paid envelope provided. A copy of this document has this day been forwarded to counsel for the opposing party.

Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

WALKER BRIGHT PC



David Craft

DC/jer
Enclosures

cc: W. Dean Cook
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

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GEORGE BATTLE, JR.
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And DOLLY BATTLE

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE

DEFENDANT.

44th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

DEFENDANT CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE'S ORIGINAL ANSWER

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW, Defendant City of Grand Prairie, and in response to Plaintiffs' Original Petition for Injunction and Declaratory Judgment ("Plaintiffs' Original Petition"), Defendant respectfully presents the following:

GENERAL DENIAL

I.

Defendant City of Grand Prairie invokes the provisions of Rule 92, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, and does thereby exercise its legal right to require Plaintiffs to prove all of the allegations contained in their pleadings by a preponderance of the evidence, if they can so prove them, which is denied, and, accordingly, Defendant City of Grand Prairie denies each and every, all and singular, the allegations contained in Plaintiffs' Original Petition, and demands strict proof thereof.

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SPECIAL DENIALS

II.

Defendant City of Grand Prairie specifically denies that it is liable to Plaintiffs under the Texas Tort Claims Act, § 101.001, et seq, of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, under which Plaintiffs must bring their claims, and Defendant City of Grand Prairie is immune from suit and liability.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

III.

Defendant City of Grand Prairie asserts as an affirmative defense that all of the acts complained of in Plaintiffs' Original Petition are specifically exempted from the application of the waiver of immunity in the Texas Tort Claims Act, under which Plaintiffs must base their claims, and Defendant City of Grand Prairie is immune from liability and suit.

IV.

Defendant City of Grand Prairie further asserts as an affirmative defense, if same be necessary, that all of the acts complained of in Plaintiffs' Original Petition do not fall within the limited waiver of immunity in the Texas Tort Claims Act, under which Plaintiffs must base their claims, and Defendant City of Grand Prairie is therefore immune from liability and suit.

V.

Defendant City of Grand Prairie further asserts as an affirmative defense, if same be necessary, the affirmative defense of contributory negligence, which proximately caused, in whole in part, the damages of which Plaintiffs complain.

VI.

Defendant affirmatively pleads that its employees did not violate clearly established law of which a reasonable person would have known, and at all times, Defendants' employees' conduct was objectively reasonable.

VII.

Defendant affirmatively pleads that the acts complained of by Plaintiffs were not proximately caused by any constitutionally defective official policy, custom or practice of the City of Grand Prairie.

VIII.

Defendant affirmatively pleads that no act or omission on its part proximately caused any of Plaintiffs' alleged injuries or damages.

Defendant City of Grand Prairie expressly reserves its right to subsequently amend this answer to assert any counterclaims or causes of action it may have against Plaintiffs and/or any additional parties and to aver any affirmative defenses available.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant City of Grand Prairie prays that Plaintiffs take nothing by reason of this suit, and that Defendant City of Grand Prairie go hence without day with its costs, and be granted such other and further relief, both general and special, to which the City may be justly entitled at law or equity.

Respectfully submitted,

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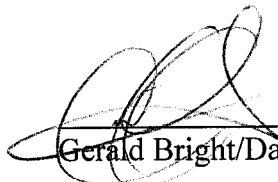
Attorneys for Defendant City of Grand Prairie

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Defendant City of Grand Prairie's Original Answer has been mailed via certified mail, return receipt requested, to counsel or parties of record as listed below on this the 19th day of September, 2008.

W. Dean Cook
Cook & Cook Law Offices
740 E. Campbell Road, Suite 900
Richardson, Texas 75081

Via CMRRR # 7006 2760 0005 5000 4833


Gerald Bright/David Craft

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

GEORGE BATTLE JR., GEORGE BATTLE III, AND DOLLY BATTLE

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Tarrant
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

W. Dean Cook, Cook and Cook Law Offices, 740 E. Campbell Road, Suite 900, Richardson, Texas 75081, 214-336-7440

DEFENDANTS

City of Grand Prairie

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Dallas; Ellis; Tarrant
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

Gerald Bright, David Craft, Walker Bright PC, 5910 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas 75206, 214-682-6530

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- | | PTF | DEF | | PTF | DEF |
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| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
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| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Med. Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws <input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck <input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs. <input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act IMMIGRATION <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Habeas Corpus - Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes

V. ORIGIN

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- ☐ 1 Original Proceeding
☒ 2 Removed from State Court
☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify)
☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation
☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): 42 USC 1983

Brief description of cause:

Plaintiffs Allege Defendants actions violated their Civil Rights

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☒ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE 9/26/08 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

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Northern District of Texas

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CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

This form must be attached to the Civil Cover Sheet at the time the case is filed in the U.S.
District Clerks Office. Additional sheets may be used as necessary.

1. State Court Information:

8-08CV1709-K

Please identify the court from which the case is being removed and specify the number assigned to the case in that court.

CourtCase Number

44th Judicial District Court
of Dallas County, Texas

08-09918

2. Style of the Case:

Please include all Plaintiff(s), Defendant(s), Intervenor(s), Counterclaimant(s), Crossclaimant(s) and Third Party Claimant(s) still remaining in the case and indicate their party type. Also, please list the attorney(s) of record for each party named and include their bar number, firm name, correct mailing address, and phone number (including area code.)

Party and Party TypeAttorney(s)

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3. Jury Demand:

Was a Jury Demand made in State Court?

Yes

☒ No

If "Yes," by which party and on what date?

Party

Date

4. Answer:

Was an Answer made in State Court?

☒ Yes

No

If "Yes," by which party and on what date?

Defendant
Party

September 22, 2008
Date

5. Unserved Parties:

The following parties have not been served at the time this case was removed:

Party

Reason(s) for No Service

N/A

6. Nonsuited, Dismissed or Terminated Parties:

Please indicate any changes from the style on the State Court papers and the reason for that change:

Party

Reason

N/A

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7. Claims of the Parties:

The filing party submits the following summary of the remaining claims of each party in this litigation:

Party

Claim(s)

Plaintiffs

42 USC 1983
Article I, Section 19, Texas State Constitution
Article I, Section 17, Texas State Constitution